(c) if so, what are the details of the decision taken at the meet?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Need to clean electoral process

99. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is an apparent need to clean electoral process which should be transparent and free of courmpt practices; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITELY): (a) and (b) The Government is continuously exploring ways and means of bringing about reforms in electoral laws. The Government has before it the recommendations made by different bodies/individuals like the Dinesh Goswami Committee, the Indrajit Gupta Committee, the Election Commission of India, the Law Commission of India, etc. and various proposals based on their recommendations are required to be discussed with the political parties and the appropriate time and concretized. The process of reform of electoral laws is, however, a continuous and ongoing process and can be carried out only through consensus among political parties, which is a time consuming process. The Government, however, intends to continue interaction with the political parties on various proposals to carry forward the process of electoral reforms.